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Gentlemen:

Draft proposed Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) for Medium Priority Sites, Operable Unit 2 (OU2)- Rocky Flats Plant (RFP)

Reference is made to the letter from David C. Shelton, Colorado Department of Health (CDH) to Messrs. Nelson, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Warner (EG&G) dated February 15, 1990, subject "Comments on the December, 1989, Phase II RI/FS Plan for OU2", wherein the requirement for an April 16, 1990, DOE deliverable of a draft proposed IM/IRA Workplan to address surface-water contamination was identified. Reference is also made to the letter from Robert Nelson to David Shelton, dated February 28, 1990, similar subject, wherein DOE provided a response to the February 15, 1990, letter. A copy is enclosed for your information.

In the second referenced letter DOE identified a meeting to be held on March 7, 1990, to discuss the IM/IRA approaches for surface-water contamination. Due to inclement weather, this meeting was held on March 14, 1990. At the close of this meeting, the RFP personnel (both DOE and EG&G) in attendance understood that a technical consensus had been reached between both your staff(s) and ours with regard to the approach to be taken on the subject plan, however the schedule and the need for more timely implementation of the IM/IRA was an action item which the RFP personnel needed to resolve prior to further discussions with your staff personnel. On April 2, 1990, a conference call was held between the RFP, CDH, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). During this call DOE agreed to meet on April 9, 1990, to present an accelerated schedule on the OU2 IM/IRA in order to avoid issuance of emergency orders on the part of both CDH and EPA.

On April 9, 1990, the RFP presented a preliminary schedule which identified December 30, 1990, as the start-up date for a surface-water treatability study pilot system which would collect and treat the upper south Walnut Creek surface-waters. It was agreed to by the RFP, CDH, and EPA that in lieu of the April 16, 1990, deliverable, RFP was to

deliver a letter committing the RFP to two (2) actions. The first action is for the RFP to commit to a December 30, 1990, start of an interim measure. The second action is for the RFP to identify a due date for delivery of a more detailed IM/IRA schedule.

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The purpose of this letter is to assure both agencies (CDH & EPA) that the RFP will take all actions necessary to achieve the December 30, 1990, start-up date and commit to deliver a more detailed schedule (which will include the delivery of am IM/IRA to both agencies) by May 4, 1990.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Margaret Wilson on 966-4765.

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